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SUBJ: OPRED-PROPOSED REOPENING OF ALGIERS DAO

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1. I HAVE RAISED QUESTION OF MILITARY ATTACHE WITH SECRETARY GENERAL MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, LATRECHE (EMBTEL 482), WITH SECRETARY GENERAL OF FOREIGN MINISTRY, BENHABYLES, WITH CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, AND WITH CHIEF NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION AT MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS. ALL HAVE REACTED WARILY, AS CONVERSATION WITH LATRECHE ILLUSTRATED. WE BELIEVE THEIR REACTION REFLECTS GENERAL ALGERIAN SUSPICION OF ALL MILITARY ATTACHES, PARTICULARLY THOSE FROM "IMPERIALIST" COUNTRIES, AND RELUCTANCE TO ACCEPT THEM.

- 2. WE WILL CONTINUE TO RAISE MATTER, BUT DO NOT WISH MAKE ISSUE OF IT AT THIS POINT. WILL ADVISE AS SOON AS WE HAVE ANSWER. IT MAY TAKE SOME TIME.
- 3. WE WISH TO NOTE THAT EXPERIENCE OF OTHER ATTACHES ON LOCAL SCENE SUGGESTS DIA NOT MISSING ALL THAT MUCH. FOR EXAMPLE, AFTER EXPERIENCE WITH MILITARY ATTACHE FOR ONE TOUR, BRITISH NOT REPLACING HIM, AS OPERATION DID NOT PROVE PROFITABLE BECAUSE OF LIMITATIONS IMPOSED BY LOCAL POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT. CONFIDENTIAL

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OTHER ATTACHES INDICATE THEY HAVE NO SIGNIFICANT

ACCESS TO ALGERIAN MILITARY.

4. ANOTHER CONSIDERATION WHICH MUST BE KEPT IN MIND IS THAT OF SPACE. AT THIS WRITING WE HAVE NO OFFICE SPACE WHATEVER IN WHICH ATTACHE COULD BE ACCOMMODATED, NOR IS THERE ANY HOUSING AVAILABLE. WE HOPE TO CREATE SPACE FOR ATTACHE, BUT IT IS GOING TO TAKE SOME DOING. IN ANY EVENT, CANNOT PRESENTLY ENVISAGE OUR HAVING OFFICE SPACE OR ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT CAPABILITY FOR MORE THAN ONE ATTACHE AT ANY TIME WITHIN NEXT FIVE YEARS, WHEN SITUATION MAY BEGIN TO EASE AS ALGERIANS DEVELOP THEIR DIPLOMATIC GHETTO.

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